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# B'nai Torah TIMES

A BREATH, BREEZE, AND SPIRIT OF THE TIMES

TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH

is honored to welcome

**DAN NICHOLS**

*with his Band "EIGHTEEN"*

as our third annual

Composer-in-Residence

The Weekend of  
January 31<sup>st</sup> –  
February 2<sup>nd</sup>



Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>

8:00pm Shabbat featuring Dan Nichols

Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>

1:30-4pm Composer-in-Residence "Lunch & Learn"

Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>

7:30-10pm Live Concert

Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>

10:45-11:30am Assembly Concert for Religious School

*This weekend is provided by a generous endowment from*

*Janine and Michael Berg*

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## B'NAI MITZVAH



**January 4**

**Alissa Popeck**

**Howard & Deanna**

My name is Alissa Popeck and I am a seventh grader at Berner Middle School. I like singing, acting and playing piano. I recently played "Dorothy" in 'The Wiz' in my school play and "Bielke" in 'Fiddler on the Roof' at Merrick Theater. For my mitzvah project, I volunteer in the Cultural Arts Program and I teach students how to play the piano. I would like to thank Mrs. Altman, Cantor Sher, Rabbi Bellows and my family for helping me prepare for Bat Mitzvah.



**January 11**

**Jake Salomon**

**David & Debra**

My name is Jake Salomon. I am a 7th grader at Wantagh Middle School. My favorite sport is basketball. I play for St. Francis, Wantagh Middle School and the travel team at FST. I recently played on the Middle School football team and also enjoy playing lacrosse. For my mitzvah project, I donated toys to the John Thiessen Children's Foundation to enable others to have a happy holiday. I would like to thank Cantor Hiesiger, Rabbi Bellows, Cantor Sher and my family for helping me prepare for this special day.



**January 11**

**Benjamin Neches**

**Neil & Alyssa**

My name is Benjy Neches. I am a 7th grade honor student at Salk Middle School in Levittown. At Salk I play alto sax in the school band and participate on the cross country team. At TBT I assist the teacher in the Israeli dance group, of which I have been a part since the third grade. I'm playing a pirate in this year's performance of Peter Pan. I also sing with the Teen Choir and belong to BNTY Jr. My Mitzvah project is to raise money for the Cambodian Children's Fund (CCF). I donated a portion of the money I earned through mowing lawns. I chose CCF because I was born in Cambodia and came to the U.S. as a baby. I would like to thank Cantor Hiesiger, Cantor Sher, Rabbi Bellows, and especially my family for helping me prepare for my special day.



**January 18**

**Jason Bottari**

**Phillip & Caroline**

My name is Jason Bottari and I am an 8th grader at Plainedge Middle School. I enjoy playing sports such as baseball and basketball. I also take pride in getting good grades in school. I am in the National Junior Honor Society. My mitzvah project is helping elderly people at the same senior center that my grandma goes to because it brings them joy and happiness. I would like to dedicate my Bar Mitzvah to my Grandpa Henry, who passed away in June. He was a great man, and he would have been proud of me as I become a Bar Mitzvah.

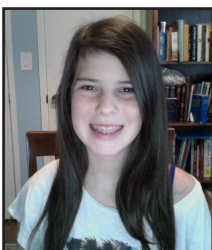


**January 25**

**Spencer Gustafson**

**Alan & Jennifer**

My name is Spencer Gustafson. I am so excited for my upcoming Bar Mitzvah. I am in 7th grade and attend Wantagh Middle School. I work hard and try my best to do well in school. I play football, basketball and baseball. I am on the Long Island Indians travel baseball team. One day I hope to attend Duke University and become a major league baseball player. I enjoy spending time with my friends and family and I look forward to celebrating this special day with all of them.



**January 25**

**Michelle Dominguez**

**Mitchell & Maureen**

Michelle Dominguez is excited about her upcoming Bat Mitzvah! She has been preparing for months and can't wait to see her hard work pay off. She is turning thirteen on January 5th, right before her Bat Mitzvah. Michelle is in the 7th grade at Solomon Schechter School of Long Island. Some of her hobbies are dancing, singing, tennis, reading, writing and acting in the shows of TBT, and is currently in 'Peter Pan'. For her Bat mitzvah project she is selling bracelets to raise money for Pancreatic Cancer treatment and research in honor of her grandfather. She is thankful for her family as they big help with her preparations for this important day.

## JANUARY RITUAL CALENDAR

|                                   |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Friday, January 3rd               | 7:30 pm  |
| Family Shabbat                    |          |
| Saturday, January 4th             | 10:30 am |
| Service (1) B/M                   |          |
| Friday, January 10th              | 5:30 pm  |
| Tot Shabbat                       |          |
| Friday, January 10th              | 7:00 pm  |
| Indoor Picnic Dinner              |          |
| Friday, January 10th              | 8:00 pm  |
| Erev Shabbat Service              |          |
| Saturday, January 11th            | 10:00 am |
| Shabbat Sababa (Jr. Congregation) |          |
| Saturday, January 11th            | 10:30 am |
| Service (2) B/M                   |          |
| Tuesday, January 14th             | 7:30 pm  |
| Ritual Com. Mtg                   |          |
| Wednesday, January 15th           | 7:00 pm  |
| Tu B'Shevat Seder & Dessert       |          |
| Friday, January 17th              | 6:30 pm  |
| Kabbalat Shabbat                  |          |
| Saturday, January 18th            | 10:30 am |
| Shabbat Service (1) B/M           |          |
| Friday, January 24th              | 8:00 pm  |
| Erev Shabbat                      |          |
| Saturday, January 25th            | 10:30 am |
| Service (2) B/M                   |          |
| Friday, January 31                | 8:00 pm  |
| Composer-in-Residence Shabbat     |          |
| Saturday, February 1st            | 10:30 am |
| Service (1) B/M                   |          |

### From the TEMPLE B'NAI TORAH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 29th, 2013 at 8:00pm

Meeting called to order by President Sherrill Spatz at 8:03pm

Meeting began in the sanctuary with a lesson on Bima Rep responsibilities kindly provided by Jan Friedman and Janee Lowenstein.

**Blessings / D'var Torah** – Rabbi Bellows –Focus on “What helps synagogues survive?”

**Unfinished Business** – Ben Cernese updated the board on the upcoming Brotherhood event (December 1st). The building is sold out, and there are about 10 vendors now for the outside. CBS and their Prize Truck will be in front of the building.

**Rabbi Bellows' Report** – Sisterhood service was exemplary!

**Education Report** –Elisa Blank- The 7th grade Shul-in was awesome! BNTY – Emily Besthoff – We are off to a fabulous year.

**Treasurer's Report** – Beth Cohen –Regarding the copiers, we have changed companies due to a better deal. The parking lot cost was \$130,000. We do not have the number of members paying full dues that we anticipated, leading to a significant deficit. Suggestion by Beth Cohen to consider Quickbooks. Suggestion by Ed Kliegman to create a strong 5 year financial plan.

**Financial Secretary Report** – Sue-Ellen Pennington for Alan Lazarus – Currently we have 523 congregants. 86 are on special arrangements. There are also 48 associate members included as part of the 523.

**Investments Report** – Alan Loewenstein –report stands

**BINGO** - Volunteers are needed for Triple Bingo.

**President's Report** – Sherrill Spatz –We received an anonymous donation to be used specifically for Wi-Fi in the school wing. We will need to fund the monthly charges.

#### **Rob Saunders /Community and Fund Raising:**

Craig Field (Fundraising) - Dancing through the Decades had a lower turnout than expected. The low attendance resulted in a financial loss for this fundraiser. He stressed the importance of fundraising for the temple. There are people at the temple with experience who may be able to help with grant research.

Julia Brite (Membership) - There is a new program called the “Ask” program to assist new members with questions. Consideration of a coffee bar in the lobby. Also the question was raised of how to reach out to families who have resigned.

**Helaine Schnall /Learning:** Adult and lifelong learning is currently being explored in terms of new programs.

**Shelley Lomove/ House and Administration:** We anticipate doing 3 bathrooms and all flooring by 1/1/14. The Cantor thanked the housing committee for brighter lighting.

**Howard Popeck/Spirituality:** (Absent)

#### **Associates' Reports**

Harvey Wiener & Bruce Jaffe/Brotherhood – November 12 is the Brotherhood/ Sisterhood Dinner. Please make your reservation.

Diane Schoenberg/Sisterhood –Membership is at 190. :

Sharon Curry & Amy Herman/PTA –Box top program has made \$77.00 since September.

**Good and Welfare** –UJA breakfast honoring Rob Saunders went beautifully. Thank you Brotherhood for the wonderful spread! Les Kule reminded us that today is the 1 year anniversary of Hurricane Sandy, and how at that time this temple truly defined what a community means. .

Meeting Adjourned at 10:07pm

Respectfully submitted: Sharon Curry, Temple Secretary



*Shalom, Chaverim* – Hello, friends,  
Though our world is often covered in snow during the winter months, an upcoming holiday reminds us each year that spring is not too far away. I always look forward to Tu B'Shevat as a hint that, even though our days are grey and cold right now, the world does indeed turn green again, and it will blossom and bloom with new life and beauty.

Tu B'Shevat (the 15th day of the Hebrew Month of Shevat), according to our tradition, is the day on which all trees turn one year older. Why might this matter? In Leviticus 19:23-25, we learn that fruit from trees must not be eaten during the tree's first three years. The fourth year's fruit is given to God as a tithe, and then we may eat of the tree's fruit from that point on. It is presumably quite difficult to keep track of the age of trees if one does not know the exact "birth-date", or "plant-date," so Tu B'Shevat is the default date.

Planting trees is just one way to celebrate Tu B'Shevat. Some people choose to plant trees in Israel, some use the day as a way to celebrate the environment, and some see it as a reminder to live "greener" lives. Many congregations have also begun holding Tu B'Shevat Seders, based on the Kabbalistic (mystical) Seders of the Middle Ages. Two years ago Temple B'nai Torah held our very first one, and it was an enormous success. We were joined by nearly eighty congregants of all ages, who participated in sampling different types of fruits, juices, and nuts. Each item held particular significance or was taken from a different type of tree. They also each carried special spiritual symbolism related to our lives. We sang, ate, laughed, and had a wonderful evening together.

Temple B'nai Torah will be holding its 3rd Annual Tu B'Shevat Seder on Wednesday, January 15, at 7:00 pm. This Seder, one of our nicest new additions to the life of TBT, promises to be a delicious, informative, and thought-provoking way in which to celebrate the precious world around us. I do hope you will join us.



*L'shalom – in peace,  
Rabbi Marci N. Bellows*

## TBT SQUARE DANCE - SAVE THE DATE!!!

Saturday, March 22, 2014 @  
7 pm

Honor Your Partners, Bow  
to Your Corners, or Do-Si-  
Do  
Come on Down to Our  
Annual Hoedown!

Lee Kopman is back - and TBT's  
got him! We are delighted to  
welcome back one of America's  
greatest callers - LEE KOPMAN -  
together with his wife Lilith for  
another amazing evening of squares  
and  
line



dancing!

Do be a Grand Square - plan to be  
there!

A flyer with lots more information  
is coming soon -



## INSPIRATION FROM OUR CANTOR



My article, this month, is devoted to our 3rd annual Composer-in-Residence Dan Nichols, who, with his band, "Eighteen," will join us on the weekend of January 31-February 2, 2014. This will be my second collaboration with Dan, having worked with him in my previous congregation, Temple Israel of Northern Westchester, in April, 2007. Since that time, Dan has proven to be an even more prolific composer of Jewish "rock" liturgical music, a number of selections of which he will lead, along with our Adult, Teen and Youth Choirs, on Friday, January 31st.

Dan will arrive on Thursday, January 30th, in order to work and rehearse with our choirs. On Saturday afternoon, Dan will present a "lunch and learn" program for the congregation. On Saturday evening, Dan and his band will present a concert and, on Sunday, Dan will teach and perform in our religious school (Please see additional information in this bulletin for all the details). As you can see, there are many varied activities planned for this exciting weekend. Tickets for the Saturday night concert are on sale now. 200 TICKETS HAVE ALREADY BEEN SOLD, SO PLEASE HURRY IF YOU WANT SEATING THAT EVENING!



Dan's appearance at Temple B'nai Torah coincides with our temple youth group, BNTY (B'nai Torah Temple Youth) being the annual host of the NFTY NAR (National Federation of Temple Youth - New York Area) regional "Kallah (convention)." Whew, that's a lot of abbreviations to remember! Kallah will bring us at least 180 teens from Westchester, Manhattan and Long Island, all converging on TBT for a weekend of intense Jewish activity. Our congregants will be providing home hospitality. If you haven't done so, PLEASE volunteer your home for at least 3 of these youth group members. Not to worry, as these teens are the cream of the crop of the leadership of their representative youth groups and are well mannered and behaved. The teens will attend our Shabbat service, the Saturday night concert and Dan will participate in the Kallah Shabbat morning service.

Dan is, perhaps, the most popular and influential composer, performer and music educator on the national reform youth scene, both in the synagogue youth groups and the summer camp movement. His melodies are accessible, singable, melodic and memorable. I personally love many of his compositions, which I have been teaching our congregation over the past months. If his appearance and impact are anything like they were in my former congregation, then his presence in our congregation will be both uniquely memorable and joyous, to say the very least.

Dan, who hails from Raleigh, North Carolina, is a product of the Reform Camp Movement and a wonderful example of just what Jewish camping is all about and what it is accomplishing (Although the controversial Pew Research has shown decimation of reform affiliation, nevertheless people like Dan Nichols are a visible and vital example of where Reform Judaism is visible and vital). Dan credits his summer camp experience with igniting his passion for Jewish music. Not many know that Dan, with his parents, together converted to Judaism from a Mormon background when Dan was very young!

Dan spent many summers at the Goldman Union Camp, in Zionsville, Indiana (suburban Indianapolis), where yours truly was the camp song leader, in the summer of 1975. He says, "Jewish camp culture is mostly built around group singing.... what inspired me as a kid was the sound of 350 people singing in the dining hall, together!"



Today, Dan Nichols is a very busy musician, playing over 200 performances a year and presenting at Jewish community centers, Hillels and synagogues, one of which will be ours!

If you enjoyed our previous Composer-in-Residence weekends, you will surely be captivated as well as educated by the experience of singing with Dan Nichols. I look forward to seeing you on this very special weekend.

Please join me on Sunday, January 12, 2014, at 1pm in the Kiddush Lounge, as I continue regaling you with my unique Jewish adventures. It will be my second presentation in the series, "The Wandering Jew." We shall visit the unusual Jewish community of Beijing and share my time spent with members of the reform congregation, K'hilat Beijing. As always, it will promise to be unique and memorable!

*Cantor Steve Sher*

Join Cantor Sher for his next installment of  
"The Wandering Jew"  
as he takes us to  
the unique reform community  
of the Jews of Beijing, China  
Our wanderings begin in the  
Kiddush Lounge at 1pm  
Sunday, January 12, 2014

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



One of my passions since joining this temple almost twenty-five years ago has been fundraising. I have always enjoyed the challenge of putting together something from almost nothing and seeing it come to fruition. During my earlier years with Sisterhood, I worked with Barbara Cohen to change the concept of what fundraising

should be. We took the White Elephant Sale, Used Book Sale and Rummage Sale and "trashed" them. These were labor-intensive but non-profitable fundraisers for which few people enjoyed volunteering. These were replaced by spa weekends in rustic Connecticut and beautifully catered Chinese auctions in local country clubs.. We decided if a fundraiser couldn't make at least \$1000 it was not worth the effort to do them. We met with a lot of resistance from some congregants that these "high priced" fundraisers would turn people away. Barbara and I felt that it was worth a try to do once and see what happened. Well, those who didn't believe were very wrong. That first spa weekend made over \$1200 and the Chinese auction cleared over \$4000. So much for the naysayers. Those fundraisers over the next 3 or 4 years became more popular and profitable for Sisterhood.

Now I am asking, "Why can't the same thing be done on a congregational level?" How is it that only Sisterhood

and Brotherhood come up with profitable and successful fundraisers? That just doesn't make sense. One thing I (and many other congregants) have come to realize is there are too many fundraisers running at approximately the same time by each of the arms. During these economic times, that leaves some to have to choose which one or two that they most would like to attend, when maybe they would have liked to attend them all.

Here is a challenge to all of the arm presidents and fundraising chairpersons: create one, or maybe two, fundraisers per year that would satisfy the requirement of being affordable, interesting and exciting to the wide range of age groups in our congregation. Make it something to which we can invite the community so there are outside funds coming in. The proceeds of these fundraisers would go directly to the TBT operating account. These fundraisers should not be in addition to what you already put on during the year, but instead of them. Each group could eliminate a few of their own fundraisers in order to put the time and effort into these to make them successful. I welcome all ideas and I am willing to lend my expertise. Let's change the word 'fundraising' to 'FUN'raising.

*L'shalom,  
Sherrill Spatz  
Congregation President*

## FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN

As Winter Approaches ....

I am not a fan of winter. I don't know that many people are. It's not just the cold, nor the wind, nor the snow & ice, nor the dark. I think it is the cold + wind + snow + ice + dark, all together in one seasonal package. Twelve weeks of listening in abject fear every ten minutes to the radio weather report. Highs in the twenties! Lows in the teens! And wind-chills! Who asked for wind-chills? Is it too much to ask they post a weather map on TV with the actual temperatures? No..... they're too concerned with alarming us with "overnight wind-chills". Personally, I am not all that concerned with how it might feel if I left the house with no clothes on.

Winter does have one redeeming quality: it beckons us to take time to rest. Enjoy the pleasure of a cup of tea, or a mug of hot cocoa. Read a book from the TBT library. Sit and finish that crossword puzzle. If summer is go-go-go, then winter is relax & recharge.



Winter is also the ideal opportunity to take advantage of TBT programs in Adult Education. The schedule is printed in the TBT Times. Join us and let's look forward to winter together.



*Mark Chester, Editor*



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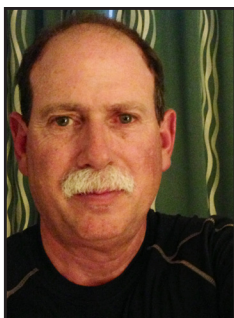
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## BROTHERHOOD SPEAKS



Happy New Year Greetings from co-Presidents Harvey and Bruce.

At this time of year it is "traditional" to write about Chanukah and Christmas...their minor similarities and major differences. Yet this year they are separated by so many weeks, the comparison fades.



So what about Thanksgiving and Chanukah? The combination of food and "thanks" can't be beat. The combination of latkes and poultry is a "natural". Hoping that everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving... because the next one won't occur until the year 79,811.

Brotherhood's recent activities included the November 24th breakfast, sponsored by the TBT Membership Committee. It was very well attended. Kudos to Brotherhood members Mike Bruno and Les Kule for their latke-making; special thanks to Ed Blecher, Rich Levine, and Jay Jacobson for their assistance with the recipe and preparation; to Bart Cohen and Brian Katzman for cooking the omelets and eggs; to Ben Cernese, Arnie Minsky and Dave Schuster for various shopping responsibilities; and to Stan Friedman and Sol Goldstein for their help in serving and cleaning up. It was truly a team effort, and it turned out great! We hope that the congregation will continue to attend the Brotherhood Breakfasts through the winter and into the spring. Still only \$4, every Sunday when school is in session.

Also thanks for a great Holiday fair. Thanks to Ben and Sharon Cernese and their crew (too many to mention), and over 80 vendors.

January brings another Brotherhood dinner opportunity, January 14. Drinks and meal only \$10 for Brotherhood members who pre-pay. Another great reason to join Brotherhood.

And if you've already joined Brotherhood, you can start to assist with these wonderful events. Don't just be a "member" -- be a participant!

Our next Board Meeting is January 7 at 8pm. All Brotherhood members are welcome.

*Harvey Wiener,  
Brotherhood co-President*



## Tu B'Shevat Seder

Wednesday

January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Evening includes Seder and Dessert

**OPEN TO ALL**

**CONGREGANTS**

Tu B'shevat or the "New Year of the Trees" is Jewish Arbor Day. We celebrate by rejoicing in the fruit of the tree and the fruit of the vine, celebrating the splendid, abundant gifts of the natural world which give our senses delight and our bodies' life.

It was originally believed to be an agricultural festival, marking the emergence of spring in Israel. Sustaining rains are at the peak of their power and the world responds, brimming with buds of fragrant life.

After the destruction of the Temple in 70 CE, this holiday became a way for the Jews to symbolically bind themselves to their former homeland by eating foods that were found in Israel. It is a celebration of the renewal of vision and awareness, a celebration of connections and connectedness -- to our own inner-selves, to the social world of human beings, and to the natural world and its Source.

**RSVP by Jan. 3, 2014.**

**To RSVP or for additional information,  
call Pearl Sutz at (516) 781-7610.**



Please join us as we celebrate our third Tu B'Shevat Seder at Temple B'nai Torah.



## TBT - PTA FAMILY BINGO

**FEBRUARY 9th 11:30 am**

Please join us for Fun and PRIZES at TBT-PTA Family Bingo

Admission \$ 4.00 per person

This includes 3 bingo boards

Each additional board is \$1.00

There is no charge for non-playing adults

PTA MEMBERS who pre-pay by January 26 will receive an extra board

**Beverages, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Pizza, Knish and  
Candy will be available for purchase!**

If you would like to volunteer to help or have questions email: Michele Samuels -  
[Michsam@aol.com](mailto:Michsam@aol.com)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PTA Member? Y N

Number of People # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$4.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

Additional Cards # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$1.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

Contact # ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Contact email if Volunteering: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_

I WOULD LIKE  
to VOLUNTEER

YES NO



### OUR TBT SISTERHOOD SOURCE



One of the great things about being part of a Jewish community is that we get to say "Happy New Year" twice, so after the High Holidays approximately four months ago, I wish you a terrific 2014. May it bring us all only good health, much happiness, lots of laughter, and an abundance of love.

Sisterhood has been very busy and will continue with an array of special events and programs. This month, we are offering the following:

On Monday, January 13 @ 7:00 p.m., our programming guru, Connie Martin, has arranged for media specialist Richard Knox to present his retrospective on the golden age of radio and TV. This adult, interactive program will contain many audio and video clips, as well as a quiz on radio and TV theme songs.

- On Sunday, January 26 @ 7:00 p.m., Marilyn Woronoff is once again spearheading our Comedy Club fundraiser at The Brokerage in Bellmore. Bring your friends and come on down for a bunch of laughs.

Besides the above, look for a mailing in a month or so for our Shalach Manos bags for Purim. This holiday will be celebrated on March 15 and we hope you'll participate by exchanging sweets with your fellow congregants.

I'm about halfway through my first year as President, so as the late Ed Koch always asked, "How'm I doing?" Please contact me with any Sisterhood concerns.

Once again, Happy New Year.

Sincerely,  
*Diane Schoenberg*  
Sisterhood President



Students from the TBT Nursery School celebrate Thanksgiving together.

### ADULT EDUCATION JANUARY CALENDAR

TORAH STUDY WITH RABBI BELLOWES  
Every Monday (Ongoing) - 12:00pm

TORAH STUDY  
Every Saturday (Ongoing) - 9:30 - 11:00 am

JEWISH COOKING CLASS  
Sunday, January 5th - 1:00-2 pm

TU B'SHEVAT SEDER & DESSERT  
Wednesday, January 15, 2014 - 7:00 pm

COMPOSER-IN-RESIDENCE SHABBAT  
Friday, January 31st - 8:00 pm

COMPOSER-IN-RESIDENCE "LUNCH & LEARN"  
Saturday, February 1st - 1:30-4 pm

COMPOSER-IN-RESIDENCE CONCERT  
Saturday, February 1st - 7:30 - 10 pm

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### COUPLES CLUB

#### Eeny, Meeny, Miney, Mo

Upon arrival at the Wat Pha Luang Ta Bua - Tiger Temple, we performed Merit with the Monks, had breakfast and then took our places on the rim of the Tiger Canyon. Steve (Lord Bubble) Block, the hero of the Netherlands, entered the canyon for his meeting with King Phra Pathom Chedi (The Devourer). With an earth-shaking roar the tiger left his enclosure and approached Steve. With muscles coiled, and fangs bared the tiger slowly approached. Suddenly, a strange transformation crossed the tiger's countenance. The tiger reached up, and to the shock and amazement of the monks and the tourists, started licking Steve's face. The prior antagonists spent a long time playing with each other. Later we discussed this strange occurrence with the monks, who offered the following explanation. In the early eighteen hundreds, legend has it that an itinerant peddler, Yussel (Puschcart) Block rescued an orphan tiger cub. Yussel raised this cub to maturity at which time the tiger was released back into the wild, and Yussel returned home. Animals are capable of recognizing a Spiritual Aura which is carried by humans from generation to generation, and is also implanted into the animal's genetic sensory perception under extraordinary situations. As such the tiger recognized in Steve a sense of comfort and love, and thus responded with affection.



Barry (The Brain) Lomove using P versus NP analysis of polynomial time, has concluded that the Couples Club Bowling tournament will be the penultimate sporting event of 2014. Do not miss this epic contest. Reservations for the January 19<sup>th</sup> match are nearing the cutoff date. Will Dave (The Terminator) Schuster, exceed his record of 307? Bowlerman Bernie will be using his new magical mystery ball, and Rolling Ray the "New Kid on The Block", promises to roll away with the trophy.

The Couples Club held its annual Chanukah party on December 14<sup>th</sup> at Rosemary's Restaurant. We can only say that those who missed this annual extraordinary gala, missed the party of the year. We feasted on exotic fare, and participated in the evening gala, in which our outstanding Couples Club Players, performed world class skits and

Linda (Ginger Rogers) Lazarus sang with Frankie Avalon their famous duo, "I'll never let you go".



The group also took part in our annual "take a chance" grab bag. Prizes such as a Lamborghini Veneno Roadster, Lear Jet, and Sailing Yacht, among other treasures, were given out.

These exciting Couples Club functions are open to all congregants, singles or couples, and many singles participate in our activities. Why not come down to our next event and join in the fun. Take advantage of this opportunity to get to know us and discover for yourselves, the great spirit of the Couples Club. We would like to share this feeling with all TBT members.

If there is anything you would like to know about our group, please call us at (516) 798-5724 or email us at [fdinstell@yahoo.com](mailto:fdinstell@yahoo.com).

Couples Club monthly word of wisdom: If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.

### CHAI NOTES



With the Chai Club membership approaching 180 members, we congratulate our membership Chairperson, Harvey Drucker and his committee. We wish a warm welcome to new members, Joni and Steven Christie, Joan Cohen, Carolyn

and Roland Dornhofer, Ida Epstein, Mildred Gordon, Susan Healy, Sandra and Leonard Honig, Ellen and Howard Jackson, Freyda and Warren Kolinsky, Martha Kolodkin, Paula and Melvin Krupnick, Debra and Rob Saunders, Diane and Jay Schoenberg, Shelley and Fred Spivak, Lois and David Swawite, and Shirley and Leonard Young.

Special thanks to Martha Kolodkin who entertained the Chai Club at our December 2nd program. Martha presented her delightful "Superstitions from Caveman to Spaceman" program. All in attendance had a wonderful experience. Thanks to Barbara Held for coordinating the program with Martha. Congratulations to Iris Kelmenson and Carol for winning the December Birthday Cheer. Congratulations also to Janis Beldner who won the 50-50.

Part of your dues is targeted to help support our wonderful monthly programs planned and organized by our terrific Program Chairperson, Esther Phillips. This year Esther and her team have scheduled: "The Sweet Adelines"; a program on "The Life and Times of Jackie Robinson"; Martha Koldkin-Superstitions. Also scheduled are an Evening with George Gershwin and his Music; an oldies music program with Artie Schlesinger; the comedy of Elaine May and Mike Nichols and – finally - and we will finish the year on Monday, June 2, 2014 with the fantastic Paul Joseph Trio.

Chai Club will help support the Dan Nichols Composer in Residence Weekend, Friday, January 31st and Saturday, February 1st (Concert Night). Don't forget to reserve your tickets – only \$15 per person. We recommend everyone

attend this wonderful musical program. In the spring we will continue our partnership with Cantor Sher's 'Adventures In Music' Series and sponsor Temple B'nai Torah's annual Second Seder. Pearl Sutz is also planning to continue her series of theater trips to Broadhollow. Janis Beldner and Shelley Lomove have announced that they are rescheduling the Chai Club trip to the Jewish Museum in NYC. Watch this column and the TBT Scroll for announcements.

Speaking of Janis Beldner, Janis is to be congratulated for sponsoring the Kosher Food Project. Janis thanks the congregational family for their food donations as well as support collecting the food. Special thanks to Bar Mitzvah Dylan Loiacono who used this as his Bar Mitzvah project.



Don't forget to reserve your spot at Villa Roma in the Catskills. Along with Couples Club, we are sponsoring a retreat to the Villa Roma Resort and Conference Center, Monday- Thursday, May 12-15, 2014. The Villa Roma trip includes all meals and a full schedule of activities. Two and three night options as well as single supplements and triple occupancy rates are available. Please call us for further information, 781-4966.



In November, the Chai Club awarded a special recognition certificate to long time Chai Club Board member, Irving Carroll. We wish Irv all the best of health and happiness in his new environment

*Joan and Brian Levy  
Chai Club Co-Presidents*

### CONGREGANT CORNER

Alan Stern, his wife, Francine, and twins Jared and Jacqueline have been members of Temple B'nai Torah for a few years now. A medical claims approver at GHI, Alan is a member of the PTA and is planning on joining the temple Brotherhood. "In late June of 2012 I had my knee replaced and the Rabbi and Cantor were very caring. Their words of prayers, well wishes, and encouragement were so comforting and uplifting it helped the healing process that much more."

Alan says, "As a child going to temple it was only a place to attend services then leave. TBT, however, has and

still does strive to be a social and community place to do things beyond just services where our families can meet and socialize and enjoy the company of friends and families. Watching the reaction the activities we do at temple has on my kids and their friends is always a very positive feeling in seeing the growing and enjoyment in their eyes."

The entire family is looking forward to the twins Bar and Bat Mitzvah in 2014.

Being a member of TBT feels like we are truly members of a bigger family.



## OUR COMMUNITY

### TBT-PTA

Happy 2014 everyone! We hope that you and your families had a wonderful Chanukah.

This month the PTA is busy getting ready for Tu B'Shvat. The children will be creating leaves for the Tu b'Shvat tree. The beautifully decorated tree will be hung for the Seder that's going to be held on January 15th. Make certain you bring the family, admire the tree, and join in the festivities. It's going to be a wonderful time and you're not going to want to miss it! We hope to see many of you there.

While you are reserving dates, don't forget about Family BINGO. This year's fun filled activity for the entire family will be held on February 9th. All children will win prizes. Bring a friend!

Thank you everyone, for sending in the Box Tops! The activity is going so well. Please keep them coming. Thank you to all of the temple members who joined us at the PTA sponsored Brotherhood Breakfast. Brotherhood really knows how to cook a delicious breakfast!

The next two PTA meetings will be taking place on January 5th and February 2nd. Hope to see you there.

*Randy Frances, Co-vice President*



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### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL EDUCATOR

I want to welcome everyone back after our winter vacation. Throughout the month of January all of our classes will be studying the holiday of Tu B'Shevat, the fifteenth day of the month of Shevat. This holiday marks the celebration of the importance of the Earth, our environment, and nature within Judaism.

Many people question how we can have a celebration for the 'New Year of the Trees' when it is bitter cold and snowy outside. Regardless of the climate of the various places throughout the world in which Jews reside, Tu B'Shevat is celebrated with respect to the climate of Israel.

The almond tree has a special significance on Tu B'Shevat. The word for almond in Hebrew means to "watch" or "wake." The almond tree is among the first to awaken from its winter sleep. The almond tree celebrates the fifteenth of Shevat in full bloom.

The practical need for a "birthday" for trees arises from a Torah commandment:

*And when you come to the land and have planted all manner of trees for food, the fruit thereof shall be forbidden for three years; you shall not eat it. In the fourth year, all the fruit thereof shall be holy and must be given to God. But in the fifth year, you may eat the fruit, that it may yield unto you more richly the increase thereof.*

*(Leviticus 19:23-25)*

Since we do not know exactly when each tree started to grow, we celebrate Tu B'Shevat as the birthday of all trees. There are many customs and traditions associated with

Tu B'Shevat. In Israel, it is customary for school children to visit a nearby Jewish National Fund Forest and plant trees there. We, too, can plant trees in Israel by buying trees from the Jewish National Fund. Tu B'Shevat is also an occasion for eating fifteen different kinds of fruit, with preference given to those varieties which can be found in Israel. Another tradition is to have a Tu B'Shevat Seder and take this day to identify with nature and the land of Israel. May we take this time to appreciate the beauty and bounty of Israel, and be grateful for the bounty in our own everyday lives. May our eyes always be open to the glory of the natural world.

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In honor of:

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Ruth Hochberg's new great grandchild, Silas from Dorothy Duckstein

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#### MAZEL TOV TO:

Ruth Hochberg on the birth of her great grandson Silas  
Tom & Ellice Toscano on the birth of their first granddaughter,  
Gabriella Madison  
Hy & Norayida Weiner on their recent marriage  
Marc & Judy Herbert on the marriage of their daughter Arielle  
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Artie Ostrofsky on the birth of his 12<sup>th</sup> great grandchild, Avraham

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| <b>JANUARY 2014</b>  |  |   | <b>1 New Year's Day</b><br>• No Nursery School<br>• No Rel. School-<br>Winter Recess<br>• Building Closed<br>• No Bingo | <b>2</b><br>• Nursery School<br>Resumes<br>• 7:30pm Bingo  | <b>3</b><br>• 3:00pm B/M<br>Rehearsal (Sanc.)<br>• 7:30pm Family<br>Shabbat  | <b>4</b><br>• 9:30-11:00am<br>Torah Study (K/L)<br>• 10:30am Service (1)<br>B/M Popeck   |
| <b>5</b><br>• 9:00am Rel. School<br>• 9:15am Bro. Brkfst<br>• 10:00am Adult B'nai<br>Mitzvah Cls (Rm. 211)<br>• 10:00am PTA<br>Meeting (S/H)<br>• 10:00am-12:00pm<br>Book Review (K/L)<br>• 11:00am-3:00pm<br>Scouts Court of Honor<br>(S/H)<br>• 11:30-noon Youth<br>Choir (Sanc.)<br>• 1:00-2:00pm Jewish<br>Cooking Cls (Kitchen) | <b>6</b><br>• 12:00pm-Torah<br>Study with Rabbi<br>Bellows (S/H)<br>• 1:30pm Chai Gen'l<br>Mtg (K/L)<br>• 6:30-7:00pm Teen<br>Choir (Sanc.)<br>• 7:00pm Budget<br>Meeting (Rm 104)<br>• 7:00pm Rel. School<br>• 7:30-9:30pm Adult<br>Choir (201)<br>• 8:30pm BNTY Sr.<br>(Y/L)     | <b>7</b><br>• 10:00am Al Anon<br>(K/L)<br>• 3:30-8:00pm Tutor<br>(Lib.)<br>• 4:30pm Rel. School<br>• 6:00-7:30pm BNTY<br>Jr. (Y/L)<br>• 6:45pm Sisterhood<br>Exec. Bd Mtg (K/L)<br>• 7:30pm<br>Brotherhood Bd. Mtg<br>(S/H)<br>• 7:45pm Sisterhood<br>Board Mtg (K/L) | <b>8</b><br>• 10:30am Bingo   | <b>9</b><br>• 6:00pm Cub Scouts<br>(Y/L)<br>• 7:30pm Boy Scouts<br>(Y/L)<br>• 7:30pm Bingo   | <b>10</b><br>• 3:00pm B/M<br>Rehearsal (Sanc.)<br>• 5:30pm Tot<br>Shabbat<br>• 7:00pm Indoor<br>Picnic Dinner (S/H)<br>• 8:00pm Erev<br>Shabbat            | <b>11</b><br>• 8:00am-8:45am B/M<br>photos - Salomon<br>(Sanc.)<br>• 8:30-9:30am Neches<br>B/M photos (Sanc.)<br>• 9:30-11:00am Torah<br>Study (K/L)<br>• 10:00am Shabbat<br>Sababa (Jr. Cong.)<br>(Y/L)<br>• 10:30am Svc (2) B/M<br>Neches & Salomon<br>• 12:00-2:30pm B/M<br>Luncheon Neches<br>Family (S/H) |
| <b>12</b><br>• 9:00am Rel School<br>/School Wing & K/L<br>• 9:15am Bro. Brkfst<br>• 10:00am Mmbership<br>Mtg (S/H)<br>• 10:00am-12:00noon<br>Book Review (Library)<br>• 10:00am Adult B'nai<br>Mitzvah Cls (Rm. 211)<br>• 11:30-noon Youth<br>Choir (Sanc.)<br>• 1:00pm Wandering<br>Jew Series (K/L)                                | <b>13</b><br>• 12:00pm-Torah<br>Study with Rabbi<br>Bellows (K/L)<br>• 6:30-7:00pm Teen<br>Choir (Sanc.)<br>• 7:00pm Housing<br>Mtg. (Rm 104)<br>• 7:00pm Sisterhood<br>Program (K/L)<br>• 7:00pm Rel. School<br>• 7:30-9:30pm Adult<br>Choir (201)<br>• 8:30pm BNTY Sr.<br>(Y/L)  | <b>14</b><br>• 10:00am Al Anon K/L<br>• 3:30-8:00pm Tutor<br>(Lib.)<br>• 4:30pm Rel. School<br>• 6:00-7:30pm BNTY<br>Jr. (Y/L)<br>• 7:00pm Jewish War<br>Vets Mtg (101/103)<br>• 7:00pm Brotherhood<br>Dinner (S/H)<br>• 7:30pm Ritual Com.<br>Mtg (K/L)              | <b>15 Tu B'Shevat</b><br>• 10:30am Bingo<br>• 7:00pm Tu B'Shevat<br>Seder & Dessert<br>(S/H)                            | <b>16 Tu B'Shevat</b><br>• 6:00pm Cub Scouts<br>(Y/L)<br>• 7:30pm Boy Scouts<br>(Y/L)<br>• 7:30pm Bingo  | <b>17</b><br>• 6:30pm Kabbalat<br>Shabbat  | <b>18</b><br>• 8:15am B/M photos<br>Bottari (Sanc.)<br>• 9:30-11:00am<br>Torah Study (K/L)<br>• 10:30am Shabbat<br>Svc (1) B/M Bottari   |
| <b>19</b><br>• Building Closed<br>• Couples Club<br>Bowling tournament<br>(Away)   | <b>20 Martin Luther<br/>King, Jr.</b><br>• No Nursery School<br>• Building Closed<br>• No Religious School   | <b>21</b><br>• 10:00am Al Anon K/L<br>• 3:30-8:00pm Tutor<br>(Lib.)<br>• 4:30pm Rel. School<br>• 6:00-7:30pm BNTY<br>Jr. (Y/L)<br>• 7:00pm Budget<br>Meeting (Rm 104)<br>• 8:00pm Religious Ed<br>Mtg (Lib.)  | <b>22</b><br>• 10:30am Bingo  | <b>23</b><br>• 6:00pm Cub Scouts<br>(Y/L)<br>• 6:30pm B/M photos<br>Gustafson (Sanc.)<br>• 7:30pm Bingo<br>• 7:30pm Boy Scouts<br>(Y/L)                    | <b>24</b><br>• 3:00pm B/M<br>Rehearsal (Sanc.)<br>• 8:00pm Erev<br>Shabbat   | <b>25</b><br>• 9:30-11:00am<br>Torah Study (K/L)<br>• 10:30am Service (2)<br>B/M Dominguez &<br>Gustafson<br>• 12:00pm-1:30pm<br>Dominguez B/M (S/H)<br>• 12:30-2:00pm B/M<br>luncheon Gustafson<br>Family (K/L)<br>• Couples Club Board<br>Mtg (Away)   |
| <b>26</b><br>• 9:00-11:30am Grade<br>6 Fam. Ed. (Y/L)<br>• 9:00am Rel School<br>/School Wing & K/L<br>• 9:15am Bro. Brkfst<br>• 10:00am Adult B'nai<br>Mitzvah Class (211)<br>• 11:30-noon Youth<br>Choir (Sanc.)<br>• 12:00-3:00pm Cub<br>Scouts Pinewood<br>Derby (S/H)<br>• 7:00pm Sisterhood<br>Comedy Night (Away)              | <b>27</b><br>• 11:00am Chai Board<br>Mtg (K/L)<br>• 12:00pm-Torah<br>Study with Rabbi<br>Bellows (S/H)<br>• 1:00pm-3:00pm<br>Womens Mead In K/L<br>• 6:30-7:00pm Teen<br>Choir (Sanc.)<br>• 7:00pm Rel. School<br>• 7:30-9:30pm Adult<br>Choir (201)<br>• 8:30pm BNTY Sr.<br>(Y/L) | <b>28</b><br>• 10:00am Al Anon<br>(K/L)<br>• 3:30-8:00pm Tutor<br>(Lib.)<br>• 4:30pm Rel. School<br>• 6:00-7:30pm BNTY<br>Jr. (Y/L)<br>• 6:45pm Exec. Bd.<br>Mtg (104)<br>• 8:00pm Board<br>Meeting (K/L)   | <b>29</b><br>• 10:30am Bingo  | <b>30</b><br>• 6:00pm Cub Scouts<br>(Y/L)<br>• 7:30-9:30pm<br>Composer in<br>Residence Reh.<br>(101/103)<br>• 7:30pm Bingo<br>• 7:30pm Boy Scouts<br>(Y/L) | <b>31</b><br>• 3:00pm B/M<br>Rehearsal (Sanc.)<br>• 8:00pm Composer<br>in Residence Erev<br>Shabbat Svc<br>• NFTY-NAR Winter<br>Kallah - BNTY host<br>@TBT |  |

## IN THE HOUSE

Hooray! We are off to a great start in updating our temple. There is new flooring or carpeting in the entryways, the main lobby, the Kiddush Lounge, the Library, the Rabbi's Study and some of the offices. The kitchen is being updated with vinyl tiles. When you come to our temple home, look for the progress.

Have you seen the stained glass windows in the Social Hall? A new stage curtain and new wallpaper in the Social Hall are on the way. Look all around the Social Hall including up to see our newly painted Social Hall ceiling.

We thank all our congregants for being patient during our updating. Installation of the flooring will be done so that Bingo and Bar/Bat Mitzvah schedules will be minimally impacted.

We can hardly wait for our new bathrooms (including a handicapped-accessible restroom) to be installed. Have you seen our new monitor outside the cloakroom? Our up-to-date monitor (financed by a donation from a congregant) will help beautify our lobby.

We have several anonymous donors in our congregation. Two congregants donated Wi-Fi installation in our Hebrew school. One anonymous donor contributed to the purchase of our coffee machine along with several generous donations from congregation groups. We love anonymous donors. See something you want done? Become a donor so that we can proceed more quickly in making updates. We thank you all.

Watch out next month for a progress report on esthetic improvements in our temple home. Join us Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. for a House Committee meeting.

*by Tessa Kean*



## UNIONGRAM ORDER FORM

The following is a list of the boys and girls who will be celebrating their Bar/Bat Mitzvah **January, 2014 through March, 2014.**

Circle the names of those to whom you would like to send congratulations, and **PRINT** your name as you want it to appear on the Uniongrams.

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>CHILD'S NAME</u>                              | <u>PARENTS</u>                        |
|-------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Jan. 4      | (F) Alissa Popeck                                | Howard & Deanna                       |
| Jan. 11     | (M) Jake Salomon<br>(M) Benjamin Neches          | David & Debra<br>Neil & Alyssa        |
| Jan. 18     | (M) Jason Bottari                                | Phillip & Caroline                    |
| Jan. 25     | (M) Spencer Gustafson<br>(F) Michelle Dominiquez | Alan & Jennifer<br>Mitchell & Maureen |
| Feb. 1      | (M) Ethan Herman                                 | Cary & Beth                           |
| Feb. 8      | (F) Danielle Spiegel                             | David & Josefina                      |
| Feb. 22     | (F) Marissa Firestone                            | Joel & Donna                          |
| Mar. 8      | (M) Brett Herman                                 | Robert & Amy                          |
| Mar. 15     | (F) Rebecca Sloan                                | James Sloan & Sheri Epstein           |
| Mar. 22     | (M) Max Stefanakos                               | Steven & Jennifer                     |
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***Dated Material - Please Rush!*****Pack 189**

What a busy month for Pack 189. The entire pack learned about weather forecasts and earned a belt loop. The dens continue playing at work and working at play, and continuing to advance at the same time. The Webelos Den helped out at a service project, beautifying the A. Holly Patterson Nursing Home, and went camping with the troop, while the Bears learned about recycling and the Wolves learned about being prepared.

Ah, the camping trip. Every year, Troop 189 does a trip for Webelos to see what the troop is about. Since it is in November, the dinner is "Traditional Thanksgiving" and, let me tell you, eating turkey surrounded by 50-75

scouts, scouters, and family members out in the woods is a fantastic experience.

Last, the pack went to the American Museum of Natural History. We took the train, which was an experience for some of the boys, and then saw most of the museum. The boys were especially interested in the dinosaurs. In the Rose Center we watched a really cool movie about Curiosity Rover's mission to Mars.

On behalf of the Scouts and Leaders of Pack 189, I hope everyone's Thanksgiving was wonderful, and have a very Happy New Year!

*by JJ Scotch*